Dear Mr. Stratos Psaros

I send you below all the necessary technical information requested:

**Wooden Chairs** *(traditional)* made in Greece *(as shown in the photos below)*

Lower part of a chair (= wooden legs)
In the Greek wood products market, the legs of such wooden chairs are made from European beech wood (*Fagus sylvatica*), a high density wood of good quality, without defects, usually out of steamed wood so to have a uniform colour. The legs are commonly varnished with aqueous-based varnishes (e.g. light-brown colours) for weather and moisture protection.

Upper part of a chair (= seat, straw mat)
The upper part is hand-made of a knitted mat composed of natural straw (*Typha latifolia*) fibres. This, in Greece is called *ψάθη* or *ψάθα* or *τύρη* (Greek botanical name). It is consisted by a fibre mat which has been knitted altogether, following a traditional east Mediterranean method. The leaves of the straw are collected wet; then naturally dried out in the air. Afterwards they are sold, but before they be knitted are re-wetted to become soft and flexible, and knittable. The information about the upper part of this chair, that is straw mat, is given as follows:

1. **Country of origin:** Greece *(also, found in all Mediterranean countries)*

2. **Botanical name:** *Typha latifolia* *(usually grown in the banks of small rivers)*

3. **Common names:** Typha; Cattail; other common names include: Bulrush, Common Bulrush, Great Reedmace, Cooper's reed, Cumbungi.

4. **Plant parts used (e.g. roots, leaves, flowers):** Leaves *(only).*
   *(ref. The leaves of cattail are used to weave baskets and chair seats–backs)*
5. Fresh or dried form? Dried form, as in the chair (collected wet, and sun or air dried gradually; if left wet, it will be rotted by biological fungi).

6. If the straw is mechanically processed and details of process (e.g. crushing or grinding?)- If applicable; No crushing; no grinding; no chemicals; it is only re-wetted before the knitting process; then, it is naturally air dried.

7. Preparation details (e.g boiled in water at specified temperature for a specified duration- if applicable; No boiling; no additives; no chemicals used; no machinery; hand-made products of straw mats.

8. Bleaching details (if applicable); Absolutely no bleaching.

9. Cleaning methods (if applicable); None.

10. Drying and or heating details (if applicable). The mat is dried naturally in the air, and normal climatic conditions. No drying with heating.

These wooden furniture products (chairs) are safe, with no chemicals, and possess no hazard for the humans and/or environment and we suggest them as the best of the so-called traditional chair products (used in the past in large quantities). Nowadays, in the Greek market are rather rare.

We remain at your disposal.

Best regards,

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